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AND NTIS-VNIT CENTER S&T INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. SCST PROVIDED ON MARCH 14 LETTER FROM N. ARUTIUNOV FOR  
TRANSMISSION TO DR. BURCHINAL OF NSF. LETTER BEING  
POUCHED VIA OES/APT/SEP UNDER REGISTRY 1911705. TEXT OF  
LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. "DEAR MR. BURCHINAL,

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24, 1978, I WOULD  
LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

FIRST OF ALL, THE TIME SCHEDULE SUGGESTED IN MY LETTER  
OF FEBRUARY 9, WITH WHICH YOU AGREED, IS NOW NOT  
QUITE CORRECT. THIS IS BECAUSE THE VISIT OF DR. GOVE WAS  
POSTPONED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.

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THEREFORE, HE AND THE SOVIET EXPERTS WILL BE ABLE TO  
FINISH THIS PART OF THE WORK NO EARLIER THAN THE MIDDLE  
OF APRIL. SOME TIME IS NEEDED TO PROCESS THE WORK RESULTS,  
HENCE THE SOVIET EXPERTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A RETURN  
VISIT TO THE U.S. NOT EARLIER THAN THE VERY END OF APRIL  
OR THE FIRST DAYS OF MAY. THEY HAVE TO SPEND TWO WEEKS  
TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK AND, AFTER THAT, THE RESEARCH

GROUP MEETING HAS TO TAKE PLACE.

AS YOU KNOW, THE USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS GOING TO HAVE A MEETING THIS SUMMER. THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO DO IS TO PREPARE THE REPORT FOR THE COMMISSION. HOPE TO HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON THE REPORT.

AS FAR AS THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FORMAT IS CONCERNED, IT SEEMS TO BE REASONABLE TO SUBMIT IT TO ISO AND TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT INFORMATION PROGRAM OF UNESCO.

WITH BEST REGARDS, N. ARUTINOV."

3. IN CONNECTION WITH S&T INFORMATION JWG ACTIVITIES AYKAZYAN ADVISED SCICOUNS MARCH 14 OF ARUTIUNOV'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT U.S. PROPOSAL, CONTAINED IN REF A, TO PREPARE A SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE S&T JOINT COMMISSION AND TO ARRANGE THE TRANSFER OF THIS PROJECT TO AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM. SOVIETS APPARENTLY DO NOT ANTICIPATE A SMOOTH WIND-DOWN AND TRANSFER OF THIS PROJECT WITHOUT A FORMAL MEETING. PLEASE CONFIRM U.S. PLANS.

4. WE NOTE THAT NTIS HAS NOT RESPONDED TO REF B WHICH SUGGESTED 01.10 JWG MEETING AS VENUE FOR NTIS-VNIT CENTER  
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DISCUSSIONS ON THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN SELECTED FIELDS COVERED BY THE S&T BILATERALS. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCICOUNS STRESSED TO AYKAZYAN CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE AND URGED SCST TO CONSIDER OTHER CONTEXTS FOR KNOX (NTIS)-ARUTIUNOV DISCUSSIONS IN THE EVENT THE S&T INFORMATION JWG MEETING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE. AYKAZYAN AGREED THAT THE KNOX-ARUTIUNOV TALKS SHOULD NOT BE DEFERRED AND ASKED THAT KNOX INDICATE AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE WHEN HE COULD TRAVEL TO THE USSR TO MEET ARUTINUNOV.

5. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED HARD TO PERSUADE SCST TO ADD DISCUSSIONS OF S&T INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN NTIS AND VNIT CENTER TO PROGRAM FOR S&T INFORMATION JWG MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT NTIS/VNIT CENTER RAISED WITH SCST CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN IN PRIVATE MEETING PRIOR TO S&T JCM LAST YEAR. WE URGE DR. KNOX TO PROVIDE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE NTIS POSITION PER PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REF B AND TO CONSIDER ANOTHER VENUE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ARUTIUNOV IN THE EVENT 01.10 JWG

DOES NOT TAKE PLACE. END COMMENT.

6. FOR MORRIS, OEX/APT/SEO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A FOLLOW-UP WITH KNOX AT NTIS. TOON

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